

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A payout administration method comprising:

retrieving an electronic form selected according to a location of a gaming  
apparatus adapted to receive a wager from a player and to provide a payout based on  
the wager and a game outcome;

retrieving stored data about the gaming apparatus or the player;

verifying that the stored data is sufficient to complete the electronic form; and

combining the electronic form and the stored data to generate a completed  
electronic form.

2. The payout administration method according to claim 1, additionally comprising  
retrieving an electronic form selected according to a location of a gaming apparatus  
adapted to receive a wager from a player and to provide a payout based on the wager  
and a game outcome if the payout provided exceeds a threshold amount.

3. The payout administration method according to claim 1, additionally comprising  
retrieving an electronic form from a database comprising a plurality of electronic  
forms, the electronic form selected according to a location of a gaming apparatus  
adapted to receive a wager from a player and to provide a payout based on the wager  
and a game outcome.

4. The payout administration method according to claim 3, wherein the electronic  
form comprises a tax form.

5. The payout administration method according to claim 1, additionally  
comprising:

receiving a player electronic certification of the completed form; and

combining the player electronic certification and the completed electronic form  
to generate a certified completed electronic form.

6. The payout administration method of claim 5, additionally comprising:  
receiving a player electronic signature; and  
combining the player electronic signature and the complete electronic form to  
generate a certified complete electronic form.

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7. The payout administration method of claim 1, additionally comprising:  
displaying the completed electronic form; and  
receiving a player verification that the completed electronic form is correct.

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8. The payout administration method of claim 1, additionally comprising  
distributing the completed electronic form to a remote computer disposed at a different  
geographic location than the gaming apparatus.

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9. The payout administration method of claim 8, wherein the remote computer and  
the gaming apparatus are disposed in a building at different geographic locations.

10. The payout administration method of claim 8, wherein the remote computer is  
disposed in a different city than the gaming apparatus.

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11. The payout administration method of claim 1, wherein the retrieving of an  
electronic form, the retrieving of stored data, the verifying that the stored data is  
sufficient, and the combining of the electronic form and the stored data are repeated.

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12. A payout administration method comprising:  
retrieving an electronic form selected according to a location of a gaming  
apparatus adapted to receive a wager from a player and to provide a payout based on  
the wager and a game outcome;

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retrieving stored data about the gaming apparatus or the player;  
combining the electronic form and the stored data to generate a completed  
electronic form;  
receiving an electronic player certification of the completed form; and

combining the electronic player certification and the completed electronic form to generate a certified completed electronic form.

5 13. The payout administration method according to claim 12, additionally comprising retrieving an electronic form selected according to a location of a gaming apparatus adapted to receive a wager from a player and to provide a payout based on the wager and a game outcome if the payout provided exceeds a threshold amount.

10 14. The payout administration method according to claim 12, additionally comprising retrieving an electronic form from a database comprising a plurality of electronic forms, the electronic form selected according to a location of a gaming apparatus adapted to receive a wager from a player and to provide a payout based on the wager and a game outcome.

15 15. The payout administration method according to claim 14, wherein the electronic form comprises a tax form.

20 16. The payout administration method of claim 12, additionally comprising:  
receiving a player electronic signature; and  
combining the player electronic signature and the complete electronic form to generate a certified complete electronic form.

25 17. The payout administration method of claim 12, additionally comprising:  
displaying the completed electronic form; and  
receiving a player verification that the completed electronic form is correct.

30 18. The payout administration method of claim 12, additionally comprising distributing the completed electronic form to a remote computer disposed at a different geographic location than the gaming apparatus.

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19. The payout administration method of claim 18, wherein the remote computer and the gaming apparatus are disposed in a building at different geographic locations.

20. The payout administration method of claim 18, wherein the remote computer is disposed in a different city than the gaming apparatus.

21. The payout administration method of claim 12, wherein the retrieving of an electronic form, the retrieving of stored data, the verifying that the stored data is sufficient, and the combining of the electronic form and the stored data are repeated.

22. A payout administration method comprising:

retrieving an electronic form selected according to a location of a gaming apparatus adapted to receive a wager from a player and to provide a payout based on the wager and a game outcome;

retrieving stored data about the gaming apparatus or the player;  
combining the electronic form and the stored data to generate a completed electronic form; and

distributing the completed electronic form to a remote computer disposed at a different geographic location than the gaming apparatus.

23. The payout administration method according to claim 22, additionally comprising retrieving an electronic form selected according to a location of a gaming apparatus adapted to receive a wager from a player and to provide a payout based on the wager and a game outcome if the payout provided exceeds a threshold amount.

24. The payout administration method according to claim 22, additionally comprising retrieving an electronic form from a database comprising a plurality of electronic forms, the electronic form selected according to a location of a gaming apparatus adapted to receive a wager from a player and to provide a payout based on the wager and a game outcome.

25. The payout administration method according to claim 24, wherein the electronic form comprises a tax form.

26. The payout administration method according to claim 22, additionally comprising:

receiving a player electronic certification of the completed form; and  
combining the player electronic certification and the completed electronic form to generate a certified completed electronic form.

27. The payout administration method of claim 26, additionally comprising:  
receiving a player electronic signature; and  
combining the player electronic signature and the complete electronic form to generate a certified complete electronic form.

28. The payout administration method of claim 22, additionally comprising:  
displaying the completed electronic form; and  
receiving a player verification that the completed electronic form is correct.

29. The payout administration method of claim 22, wherein the remote computer and the gaming apparatus are disposed in a building at different geographic locations.

30. The payout administration method of claim 22, wherein the remote computer is disposed in a different city than the gaming apparatus.

31. The payout administration method of claim 22, wherein the retrieving of an electronic form, the retrieving of stored data, the verifying that the stored data is sufficient, and the combining of the electronic form and the stored data are repeated.

32. A payout administration system comprising:  
a gaming apparatus comprising a display apparatus that is capable of generating video images, a value input device, and a controller operatively coupled to said display

apparatus and said value input device, said controller comprising a processor and a memory operatively coupled to said processor,

said controller being programmed to allow a person to make a wager;

said controller being programmed to cause a video image to be generated on said display apparatus, said video image representing a game, and

said controller being programmed to determine, after said video image has been displayed, a value payout associated with an outcome of said game represented by said video image; and

a computer comprising a processor and a memory operatively coupled to said processor,

said computer being programmed to retrieve an electronic form selected according to a location of the gaming apparatus,

said computer being programmed to retrieve stored data about at least one of the player and the gaming apparatus, and

said computer being programmed to combine the electronic form and the stored data to generate a completed electronic form.

33. The payout administration system according to claim 32, wherein the computer is programmed to retrieve an electronic form selected according to a location of the gaming apparatus if the value payout provided exceeds a threshold amount.

34. The payout administration system according to claim 32, wherein the computer is programmed to retrieve an electronic form from a database comprising a plurality of electronic forms, the electronic form selected according to a location of the gaming apparatus.

35. The payout administration system according to claim 34, wherein the electronic form comprises a tax form.

36. The payout administration system according to claim 32, wherein:

the computer is programmed to display the completed electronic form;  
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the computer is programmed to receive a player verification that the  
completed electronic form is correct.

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37. The payout administration system according to claim 32, wherein:

the computer is programmed to receive a player electronic certification  
of the completed form; and

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the computer is programmed to combine the player electronic  
certification and the completed electronic form to generate a certified completed  
electronic form.

38. The payout administration system according to claim 37, wherein:

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the computer is programmed to receive a player electronic signature; and  
the computer is programmed to combine the player electronic signature  
and the complete electronic form to generate a certified complete electronic  
form.

39. The payout administration system according to claim 32, wherein the computer  
is programmed to distribute the completed electronic form to a remote computer  
disposed at a different geographic location than the gaming apparatus.

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40. The payout administration method of claim 39, wherein the remote computer  
and the gaming apparatus are disposed in a building at different geographic locations.

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41. The payout administration method of claim 39, wherein the remote computer  
is disposed in a different city than the gaming apparatus.

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42. The payout administration system according to claim 41, wherein the computer  
is programmed to repeat the retrieving of an electronic form, the retrieving of stored

data, the verifying that the stored data is sufficient, and the combining of the electronic form and the stored data.

5 43. The payout administration system according to claim 32, wherein the computer is operatively coupled to the gaming apparatus by a data link.

44. The payout administration system according to claim 43, wherein the computer comprises a Personal Digital Assistant.

10 45. The payout administration system according to claim 32, wherein the computer is operatively coupled to the gaming apparatus by a network.

15 46. The payout administration system according to claim 45, wherein the network is selected from the group of networks consisting of a local area network, a wide area network, an intranet and the Internet.

20 47. A gaming apparatus comprising:  
a display unit that is capable of generating video images;  
a value input device; and  
a controller operatively coupled to said display unit and said value input device,  
said controller comprising a processor and a memory operatively coupled to said processor,

25 said controller being programmed to allow a person to make a wager;  
said controller being programmed to cause a video image to be generated on said display unit, said video image representing a game;

said controller being programmed to determine, after said video image has been displayed, a value payout associated with an outcome of said game represented by said video image;

30 said controller being programmed to retrieve an electronic form selected according to a location of the gaming apparatus and the amount of the value payout;



said controller being programmed to retrieve stored data about at least one of the gaming apparatus and the player; and

said controller being programmed to combine the electronic form and the stored data to generate a completed electronic form.

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48. The gaming apparatus according to claim 47, wherein the controller is programmed to retrieve an electronic form selected according to a location of the gaming apparatus if the payout provided exceeds a threshold amount.

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49. The gaming apparatus according to claim 47, wherein the controller is programmed to retrieve an electronic form from a database comprising a plurality of electronic forms, the electronic form selected according to a location of the gaming apparatus.

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50. The gaming apparatus according to claim 49, wherein the electronic form comprises a tax form.

51. The gaming apparatus according to claim 47, wherein:

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the controller is programmed to cause a video image of the completed electronic form to be generated on said display unit; and

the controller is programmed to receive a player verification that the completed electronic form is correct.

52. The gaming apparatus according to claim 47, wherein:

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the controller is programmed to receive a player electronic certification of the completed form; and

the controller is programmed to combine the player electronic certification and the completed electronic form to generate a certified completed electronic form.

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53. The gaming apparatus according to claim 52, wherein:

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the controller is programmed to receive a player electronic signature;  
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the controller is programmed to combine the player electronic signature  
and the complete electronic form to generate a certified complete electronic  
form.

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54. The gaming apparatus according to claim 47, wherein the controller is  
programmed to distribute the completed electronic form to a remote computer disposed  
at a different geographic location than the gaming apparatus.

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55. The gaming apparatus of claim 54, wherein the remote computer and the  
gaming apparatus are disposed in a building at different geographic locations.

56. The gaming apparatus of claim 54, wherein the remote computer is disposed in  
a different city than the gaming apparatus.

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57. The gaming apparatus according to claim 47, wherein the controller is  
programmed to repeat the retrieving of an electronic form, the retrieving of stored data,  
the verifying that the stored data is sufficient, and the combining of the electronic form  
and the stored data.

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